

City Manager's Spotlight

The City Manager's Spotlight provides details about what is happening in the City and stays connected with the community. The City Manager's Spotlight on July 2014 reflects information about the Build Columbia Initiative, Walk Bike Columbia Input Meetings, Multi-Use Venue Development Agreement and the City of Columbia's Report to the Community for FY2013-2014.



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BUILD COLUMBIA: RUN.GROW.TRANSFORM THE BLUEPRINT FOR A WORLD-CLASS CITY



The Build Columbia Blueprint to Run, Grow and Transform City government is Management's attempt to implement policy with a LEAN approach to govern-

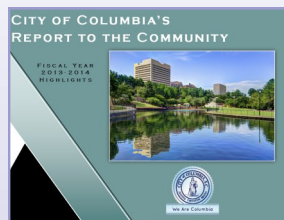
ment. City staff and I are well underway with this initiative and look forward to streamlining processes. We are emphasizing the customer experience and seeking to reduce the complexity of doing business in the City.

Processes have been streamlined in Planning & Development Services and Business License, as well as new initiatives underway in Parking, the Customer Care Center and Human Resources.

CITY OF COLUMBIA'S REPORT TO THE COMMUNITY

The close of Fiscal Year 13-14 marks another year of service delivery and around-the-clock operations for the City of Columbia. It is also significant because of the many accomplishments that have been chronicled by management staff in the city departments between June 30, 2013 – July 1, 2014. It is our pleasure to share these highlights with our citizens in the City of Columbia's Report to the Community. This report is reflective of not only major projects that have had a citywide impact, but also important activities, developments and internal improvements that have benefitted our citizens, our neighborhoods and the business community.

Click [HERE](#) to view the City of Columbia's Report to the Community.



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APPROVAL OF THE MULTI-USE VENUE DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT

After conducting a public RFQ/ Selection committee process, the City has entered into negotiations with an architect for the multi-use entertainment venue. Negotiations are going well and a contract is expected to be included on the August 19th agenda for approval. This is a crucial step in meeting the City's obligations to deliver a venue ready for the first pitch of the 2016 Baseball season. As the design process unfolds, updates will be provided to reflect the venue status.

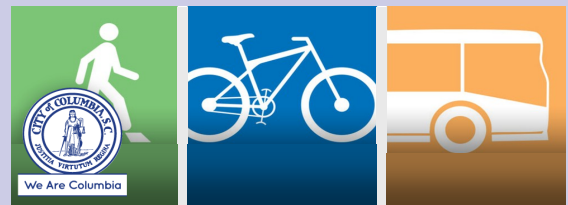


In addition, Developer Bob Hughes discussed the current status of the overall development at the July meeting of the Bull Street Commission. Included in the discussion was an overview of various developments within Columbia Common, description of the public park space and discussion of the possible uses of the parcels proposed above and adjacent to the multi-use entertainment venue. Future meetings will include specific discussion related to the retail development proposed on the property. It is estimated construction activities will begin this calendar year.

WALK BIKE COLUMBIA INPUT MEETINGS

The City of Columbia hosted four public meetings in July to gather input for the initial phase of the Walk Bike Columbia! planning process. Each meeting was a drop-in format and provided the same information and opportunity to gather input from residents and citizens in each District. Alta Planning + Design has overwhelming expertise in this area and is on board to take the City through this process over the next several months; the plan is being jointly sponsored by Columbia BPAC, City of Columbia, Central Midlands Council of Governments, Palmetto Health, Abacus Planning, USC, and the Comet.

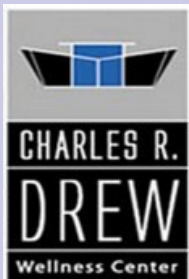
Walk Bike Columbia! is a comprehensive effort to address the pedestrian, bicycle, and transit needs of the City of Columbia through detailed analysis, public participation, and interagency collaboration. The website for the project is www.walkbikecolumbia.org and includes an interactive map where users can pinpoint specific locations where they



would like to see infrastructure improvements, a 5-minute user survey, and other documents and project briefings that are updated regularly.

For more information about the project call the City of Columbia Planning Department at 545-3181 or visit walkbikecolumbia.org.

DREW WELLNESS CENTER PARTNERS WITH HEALTHWAYS SILVERSNEAKERS TO OFFER SENIOR FITNESS PROGRAM



The City of Columbia's Charles R. Drew Wellness Center has partnered with Healthways SilverSneakers in offering senior citizens a fitness club membership at Drew Wellness Center through approved Medicare programs.

Drew Wellness Center offers group exercise classes for all fitness levels, an indoor heated pool, fitness equipment, full-sized basketball court, locker rooms and showers. For class schedules or more information on the center's amenities, please visit drewwellnesscenter.com.

Make Drew Wellness Center your headquarters for fitness and let SilverSneakers help you get fit your way!

COLUMBIA FIRE DEPARTMENT

Operations

- During an incident at local area hospital, members of CFD assisted hospital staff in the safe evacuation of patients to a secure area to include 17 NICU (neonatal intensive care unit) babies.
- Members of CFD assisted in two confirmed cardiac saves.



Administration

- Placed into service four new Command Vehicles
- Hired Fire Flow Technician
- Implemented Kronos System
- Continuing to collaborate on the existing and the expansion of the rural dry hydrant fire suppression water supply infrastructure with Richland County

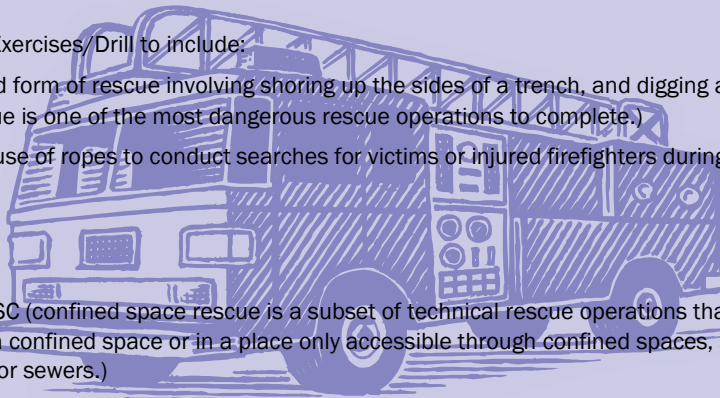
PROFESSIONAL SERVICES

Recruiting

- Completed testing phase for next recruit class
- Preparing for the interview phase for the next recruit class
- Expected to hire a standard and accelerated recruit class with the first class projected to begin in September

Training

- Conducted several Training Exercises/Drill to include:
- Trench Refresher (specialized form of rescue involving shoring up the sides of a trench, and digging a trapped worker out of a collapsed ditch. Trench rescue is one of the most dangerous rescue operations to complete.)
- Large Area Search Training (use of ropes to conduct searches for victims or injured firefighters during a large commercial structure fire, such as a warehouse)
- Hazmat Training
- Urban Landing Zone Training
- Confined Space Drills with USC (confined space rescue is a subset of technical rescue operations that involves the rescue and recovery of victims trapped in a confined space or in a place only accessible through confined spaces, such as underground vaults, storage silos, storage tanks, or sewers.)



Public Relations

- Participated in an exhibition softball game with CPD at Capital City Stadium and was recognized by Blowfish Baseball for our service to the community.
- Participated in numerous parades and events in City of Columbia and Richland County on the 4th of July.
- July 21st had 15 pet Oxygen Kits (\$75 each) donated to CFD from fundraising efforts coordinated by community members after we received local, state, national and international press coverage on a pet rescue (see attached photo). They are still raising funds to have 8 more kits donated which will have every staffed Engine, Ladder & Rescue apparatus in our fleet equipped with a pet O2 kit.

FIRE PREVENTION

Fire and Life Safety Inspections

- This month, Fire Prevention personnel conducted a total of 536 inspections. There were 233 violations detected and 62 violations corrected. These members are compared to last year when there were 433 inspections conducted.
- In addition, all hotels and motels were inspected .

Plan review

For the month of July, the following plans were reviewed:

- Building Plans 30
- Fire Alarm Plans 4
- Fire Sprinkler Plans 7
- Site Plans 13



Fire Education

- There were 30 smoke alarms installed and 37 fire education presentations conducted at various stations.
- Fire extinguisher training was provided to employees of Schneider Corporation's Hopkins Plant.

Please do not hesitate to contact me with your concerns, suggestions and hopes for our City. I take pleasure in my service to each of you!

All my best,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Teresa Wilson".



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